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### **District Resident Pleads Guilty in Identity Theft Scheme**

WASHINGTON – Joshua Godoy, 22, pleaded guilty this afternoon to one count of mail fraud for using Federal Express to deliver fraudulently-obtained goods as part of his identity theft scheme, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced. The Honorable Ricardo M. Urbina, of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, presided over the plea hearing.

Godoy, of the District, faces a sentence of between 21 and 41 months of incarceration under the voluntary federal sentencing guidelines. As part of his plea, Godoy agreed to pay \$67,764.33 in restitution to his victims. He is scheduled to be sentenced on October 12, 2010.

According to the government's factual proffer, from 2006 through March 2010, Godoy obtained and used the identities of more than 10 individuals, without their consent, to open bank accounts, attempt to transfer funds between bank accounts, obtain and use credit card and debit card accounts, and purchase cell phones and other items. In one instance, Godoy used a Costco credit card in the name of one victim, which he found in a restaurant in New York. Without that victim's consent, Godoy made multiple purchases from Costco. For example, on August 21, 2009, Godoy purchased a 50-inch plasma television for \$1,121.85 from Costco over the Internet. On August 24, 2009, the television was shipped by Costco via Federal Express, a private and commercial interstate carrier, to Godoy (using the name "joshua gogody") at one of his residences in the District.

In total, the victims of Godoy's scheme suffered actual losses of over \$67,000. The victims included both individuals and financial institutions, which absorbed much of the losses.

U.S. Attorney Machen commended the outstanding investigative work of Detective Michael Pavero of the Metropolitan Police Department and Postal Inspector Tira Fowler of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. U.S. Attorney Machen also praised the efforts of members of the U.S. Attorney's Office, including a Financial Analyst from the Fraud and Public Corruption Section, Legal Assistant Jamasee Lucas, and Assistant U.S. Attorney David Johnson, who is prosecuting the case.

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